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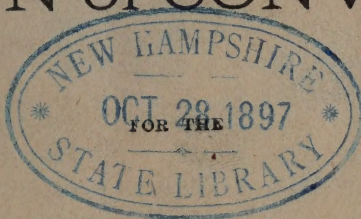
ANNUAL REPORT.

OF THE

Treasurer, Selectmen, & Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN of CONWAY,



*Fiscal Year ending, March, 1, 1876.*

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NORTH CONWAY, N. H.  
W. H. JACOBS, PRINTER.

1876.





MARCH, DR.                      HIRAM C. ABBOTT, Treasurer.

1875.            IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF CONWAY.

To Cash as per Report, Feb. 26, 1875.	640 92
"     Sale of two State Bonds.	200 00
"     of D. Wakefield, Coll. for 1874.	2 819 00
"     of H. H. Dow,       "   " 1872.	53 34
"     of J. C. Ela,       "   " 1871.	73 53
"     of John Chase,     "   " 1875.	9 279 42
"     of the County, County Paupers.	
Dinsmore.	132 88
"     of the County of Merrimack. Hazelton.	36 00
"     Savings Bank Tax.	462 40
"     Rail Road Tax.	6 53
"     Literary Fund.	203 39
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To Cash. of Albert Drew. Note dated

	[Sept. 15, 1875.]	1 000 00
" F. M. Hatch. Note dated	Nov. 1, 1875.	1 000 00
" Mary E. Davis.   "       "       "	13, 1875.	300 00
" E. G. Noble,       "       "       "	18, 1875.	300 00
" Martha J. Pendexter   "	Dec. 1, 1875.	100 00
" Abbie Burbank, Note dated	Dec. 7, 1875.	300 00
" Phendeas H. Potter,     "       "	15,   "	300 00
"       do               "       "	Jan. 13, 1876.	165 00
" Frank Carlton,       "       "	1,   "	100 00
" Geo. P. Stilphin,     "       "	7,   "	200 00
" Geo. Wakefield,     "       "	Feb. 2,   "	500 00
"       do               "       "	7,   "	100 00
" F. O. Snow,           "       "	Jan. 26, 1876.	1 455 00
" Conway Savings Bank.   "		1 920 00
" J. D. Stilphin, Note dated,	Feb. 14, 1876.	67 00

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PAYMENTS. PAID ARREARAGES. CR.

By Paid. Henry Allard, lumber Dist. No. 10.	1 00
" " " " watering trough Dist. No. 10.	2 50
" " Paul P. Bickford, labor Dist. No. 10.	4 00
" " George P. Stilphin, damage by Dogs in 1872.	5 00
" " C. W. Wilder, auditing accounts.	3 00
" " W. H. Randall, use of land 1872 1873 1874.	10 00
" " J. L. Wentworth, error in tax in 1873.	8 91
" " J. A. Carlton assistance to C.H. Hamilton.	18 00
" " S. P. Hamilton, damage on Plow Dist. No. 3	5 00
" " Avair Littlefield, watering trough Dist. No. 9.	2 50
" " Lewis Osgood, abatement of Poll tax 1874.	2 44
" " Gilbert Keneson, Support of S. J. Keneson.	26 50
" " Licurgus Pitman, land damage.	35 00
" " Angeline Richardson " "	35 00
" " J. W. Heath, watering trough Dist. No. 12	2 50
" " M. A. Wilson, " " Dist. No. 1	2 50
" " J. P. Pitman, labor in Dist. No. 4	12 82
" " James A. Carlton, wood, Town House.	3 50
" " W. K. Chase, damage on horse.	8 00
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PAID STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State Treasurer, State tax.	\$1 496 00
" County " County tax.	\$2 469 72

PAID TOWN AND COUNTY POOR BILL.

By Paid. S. A. Evans, attendance Wm. Hammond.	3 50
" Albert C. Hill, assistance. " "	15 08
" Chas. A. Hill. " "	3 00
" Andrew Dinsmore " "	2 35
" J. C. L. Wood. " "	9 50
" Chas. A. Hill. " "	3 00
" Stephen W. Ayer. " "	3 75
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" Samuel Hazelton, assistance to transient.	3 00
" Edwin Pease, " "	9 00
" " " " " "	12 00



"	John Burnham.	"	"	2 00	
"	D. E. Thompson.	"	"	3 00	
"	F. H. Mason.	"	"	21 50	
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"	Joseph Nute, assistance to Mrs. Vincent.			6 00	
"	Joseph Nute,	"	"	20 00	
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					26 00
"	Silas Snow, Coffin Isaac Meader.			15 00	
"	Dr. Bragdon, attendance	"	"	1 00	
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					16 00
"	Augusta Wakefield, support Jane Guptill.			22 00	
"	James S. Dearborn,	"	"	2 35	
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"	J. A. Carlton, assistance C. H. Hamilton			28 66	
"	Samuel Hazelton,	"	"	6 27	
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"	M. Hill, support Mary & C. Johnson.			34 50	
"	do " C. Johnson.			10 00	
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					44 50
"	Gilbert Keneson, " Sarah J. Keneson.			17 87	
"	do " do			17 87	
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					35 74
"	J. P. Pitman, support of M. P Allard up to time Kennett took him.			10 00	
"	W. E. Chase, support S. C. Eastman.			23 57	
"	John Burnham, " M. Sawyer.			4 00	
"	Edmond Kelley," do			32 00	
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					36 00
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					\$341 77

## PAID TOWN EXPENSES AND SUNDRY BILLS.

By Paid. J. H. Perkins, constable 2 days. 4 00

"	Selectmen, expense money.	25 00
"	do do	16 82
"	Edson C. Eastman, Stationery.	12 04
"	Stephen Berry, printing reports.	30 00
"	James A. Carlton, board Selectmen.	18 00
"	W. E. Chase. " "	32 33
"	William Philbrook, wood, town house.	3 50
"	Abel Swan, Constable 1874 & 1875.	6 00
"	A. P. Hill, abatement.	72
"	C. C. Philbrook, Constable.	2 00
"	F. H. Mason, board Selectmen.	8 00
"	No. Conway printing Co.	5 00
"	Phillip Chadbourn, abatement.	2 44
"	W. A. Herd, survey copy.	2 00
"	Henry Allard, watering trough.	2 50
"	Claremont Mfg. Co. Book.	9 00
"	Stationery and Express.	3 25
"	Isaac F. Davis, services.	4 50
"	J. A. Farrington, Surveying.	12 00
"	H. C. Abbott, services.	6 00
"	H. H. Dow, watering trough.	2 50
"	J. M. Twombly, making warrant box.	8 00
"	James M. Allard, watering trough.	2 50
"	" " Constable.	4 00
"	C. W. Wilder, Book Case.	10 15

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PAID INTEREST.

Paid arrearages. Int. on P. & O. R. R. Bonds.	72 00
" July 1875- " "	621 00
" January, 1876. " "	438 00

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\$1 131 00

PAID INTEREST ON TOWN BONDS AND NOTES.

Paid interest on Town Bonds.	544 50
" " on Oliver Chase's note.	70 07
" " F. M. Hatch's, note.	30 00

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\$1 775 57



## PAID SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Paid School District, No. 1.	171 41
" " " " 2.	76 50
" " " " 3.	57 83
" " " " 4.	106 45
" " " " 5.	59 30
" " " " 6.	70 00
" " " " 7.	44 00
" " " " 8.	138 30
" " " " 9.	60 37
" " " " 10.	79 00
" " " " 11.	44 50
" " " " 12.	111 68
" " " " 13.	150 50
" " " " 14.	97 37
" " " " 15.	86 00
" " " " 16.	79 70
" " " " 17.	57 00
" " " " 18.	75 45

Paid School District 19. Nothing.

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## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid J. O. Allard, Lumber & Labor, Swift River Bridge.	10 91
" M. K. Bemis, Snowing Bridges.	20 00
" Stephen P. Hamilton, New Highway.	96 00
" Do. "	57 00
" Stephen M. Davis, Land damage.	40 00
" N. W. Towle. " "	100 00
" Richard Bailey, Labor, Dis. 9 & 11.	25 00
" Sidney W. Rowe, " "	3 00
" Henry Allard, County Road.	82 50
" John Chase, Dis. No. 4.	3 00
" H. C. Abbott, Long Shingles, Swift River Bridge.	8 80
" James M. Allard, use of Land.	15 00

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## PAID FOR SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Andrew Dinsmore, Selectman.	350 00
Samuel Hazelton, Selectman.	210 00

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D. E. Thompson,	Selectman.	235 00
Joel Eastman,	Town Agent.	14 00
S. G. Norcross,	S. S. Committee.	75 00
J. A. Farrington,	Town Clerk.	25 00
H. C. Abbott,	Treasurer.	50 00
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		\$959 00

## PAID TOWN BONDS.

Bond No.	115	200 00
" "	116	50 00
" "	120	100 00
" "	126	200 00
" "	125	300 00
" "	122	1 000 00
" "	140	50 00
" "	127	50 00
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		\$1 950 00

## PAID ON NEW BRIDGE AND ROAD.

Paid J. F. Dinsmore.	3 977 15
" Isaac F. Davis.	123 50
" J. H. & H. W. Berry.	2 530 00
" A. A. & J. W. Whitaker.	313 22
" A. Carlton.	11 25
" Dexter E. Towers.	24 75
" Robert Butland.	40 50
" F. Cranmore.	25 50
" James T. Randall.	64 75
" George P. Stilphin.	227 12
" W. H. Randall.	217 91
" J. A. Lucy.	253 00
" F. A. Lucy.	39 00
" Wm. Seavey.	32 00
" O. D. Jewett.	13 80
" E. Corey & Co.	5 01
" J. D. Stilphin.	95 25
" Allen & Warren.	42 52
" William Stilphin.	16 25
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*SUMMARY.*

## RECEIPTS.

Whole amount of receipts. \$21 714 41

## PAYMENTS.

Paid. Arrearages.	188 17
State Tax.	1 496 00
County Tax.	2 469 72
Support County & Town Paupers.	341 77
Town Expenses and Sundry Bills.	232 25
Interest on Notes & Bonds.	1 775 57
School Districts.	1 565 36
Highways and Bridges.	461 21
Town Officers.	959 00
Town Bonds.	1 950 00
New Bridge &c. at Randall's.	8 052 48
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	\$19 491 53
Cash in Treasurer's hands.	2 222 88
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	\$21 714 41

HIRAM C. ABBOTT, Treasurer.

CONWAY, MARCH, 1, 1875.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer as above and find them correctly entered and footed and proper vouchers filed for all items on his book

C. W. Wilder, Auditor.

I respectfully submit the following Statement, exhibiting the results of the operations of the town from March 1, 1872 to March 1, 1875.

March 1, 1872. Amount of Liabilities.	53 704 05	
Amount of Assets including, State bonds.	13 927 54	
Liabilities over Assets.		\$39 776 51
March 1, 1873. Amount of Liabilities.	48 739 01	
Amount of Assets.	12 014 08	
Liabilities over Assets.		\$36 724 93
March 1, 1874. Amount of Liabilities.	42 419 41	
Amount of Assets.	7 313 42	
Liabilities over Assets.		\$35 105 99
March 1, 1875. Amount of Liabilities.	35 572 18	
Amount of Assets.	5 657 17	
Liabilities over Assets.		\$29 915 01
[1, 1873.]		
Debt Reduced for the year ending March	3 051 58	
" " " " March 1, 1874.	1 618 94	
" " " " March 1, 1875.	5 190 98	
Total.		\$9 861 50

There are Seventeen individual Notes out against the town. I recommend that the town issue Bonds on time to take the place of the demand Notes. All but two of said Notes have been given since Sept. 1875.

Hiram C. Abbott.



## *SELECTMEN'S REPORT.*

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MARCH, 1st., 1876.

Amount of Resident Tax.	13 822 00
Amount of Non-Resident Tax.	22 81
Amount of Dog Tax.	132 00
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	\$13 976 81
Rate of Money Tax. \$2 40 per \$100	
Rate of Highway Tax 85 per \$100.	

### ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

School Tax assessed.	1 309 00
Due the Districts as per last Report.	241 00
Literary Fund.	163 18
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	1 713 18
Paid the School Districts.	1 565 36
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Due the School Districts.	147 82

### FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

#### Liabilities.

Note to Albert Drew.	1 000 00
" F. M. Hatch.	1 000 00
" Mary E. Davis.	300 00
" E. G. Noble,	300 00
" D. D. Carlton.	1 000 00
" Oliver Chase.	3 118 50

" Martha J. Pendexter	100 00
" Abbie Burbank,	300 00
" Phendeas H. Potter,	300 00
" do	165 00
" Frank Carlton,	100 00
" Geo. P. Stilphin,	200 00
" Geo. Wakefield,	500 00
" do	100 00
" F. O. Snow,	1 455 00
" Conway Savings Bank.	2 000 00
" J. D. Stilphin,	67 00

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## TOWN BONDS.

Bonds due March 15th. 1876.	550 00
" " May 1st. "	2 500 00
" " " " 1877.	750 00
" " " " 1881.	3 000 00
" " Nov. 2nd. 1884.	100 00

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\$6 900 00

P. &amp; O. R. R. Bonds.

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\$21 600 00

## Interest Due.

Uncalled for. On P. & O. R. R. Bonds.	246 00
Accrued " " " "	216 00
On Town Bonds estimated.	150 00
On Town Notes estimated.	575 00

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\$1 187 00

Due the School Districts.

147 82

Outstanding Orders estimated.

55 00

## Total of Liabilities.

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\$42 895 32

Due from the County of Carroll. 41 00

[including interest]

" " H. H. Dow, Coll. for 1872.	163 40
" " D. Wakefield, " 1874.	810 91
" " John Chase, " 1875.	4 491 59



Resident and Non-Resident sales of land; years 1871. 1872. 1873. 1874. including interest.	698 94
Town Treasurer Cash.	2 222 88
Selectmen cash drawn for expenses of bridge and not expended.	489 00
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	\$8 917 71 .
Liabilities over Assets.	\$33 977 60
Liabilities of the town above assets as shown by last Report.	\$29 915 01
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Increase of Town debt.	\$4 062 59

The town holds 216 shares of the P. & O. R. R. Stock  
par value \$100. per share.

It will be seen by the Treasurer's Report that orders  
have been drawn on him to defray expenses of new road and  
bridge, to the amount of. \$8 052 48

From this sum should be deducted \$489 00 Cash in the  
hands of the Selectmen. Leaving \$7 563 48 as the amount  
really paid out.

The estimates of the committee to view the different  
points on the river amounted to \$8 200 00 not including  
land damages. We are confident that when the bills are all  
paid and Bridge and road completed, that the expense will  
not exceed the estimate of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

Andrew Dinsmore.	} Selectmen
Samuel Hazelton.	
David E. Thompson.	
	of
	Conway.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of  
the Selectmen and find them properly entered in their books  
and proper bills and vouchers filed for the same.

C. W. Wilder, Auditor.

The increase of the town debt, instead of a decrease, is on account of the building of Bridges across the Saco river, at the old Fordway so called, and the New Road passing the House of George P. Stilphin, which has been done in accordance with a vote of the town, and intended to take the place of the road and bridge as laid out by the County Commissioners.

This we have done in a substantial manner and with the utmost economy.

On account of the building of this road and bridge, and the extra labor imposed upon the Selectmen by an act of the Legislature passed June session 1874, in relation to taking a new valuation of the Real Estate, together with the perambulation of town lines, has made the bills of the Selectmen for the past year, unusually large.

With the same appropriation of money as last year, the increase of debt can be entirely cancelled as no renewed expenses, or labor will be required.

Andrew Dinsmore,	} Selectmen	
Samuel Hazelton,		of
David E. Thompson,		Conway.



## REPORT OF

### *Superintending School Committee.*

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

In this district there have been two terms of School during the past year of 10 and 10 and a half weeks duration, both taught by Lotta Emerson. Miss Emerson succeeded as well as usual in this district. She has a faculty of getting along easily with her Scholars, pleasing them and at the same time getting a good deal of study and consequent improvement out of them. Number of pupils, 27; average, 25; wages \$4 50 per week, 1st. term. \$5. 2nd. term, board given.

#### DISTRICT NO. 2.

First term of 9 weeks was taught by Susan A. Weeks. A very successful term of school noticed improvement in Reading and Arithmetic especially. Scholars, 16; average, 13; wages, \$4. board given. Second term of 10 weeks, taught by S. Lizzie Le Broke. Improvement quite general throughout the school. Scholars 16; average 13; wages \$4. Board given.

#### DISTRICT NO. 3.

One term of ten and two fifths weeks, Mantie A. Nutter, Teacher. Interest in school quite general. Improvement noted in nearly every class. Scholars 14; average 12; wages including board \$6.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

Two terms of School. Teacher, Martha B. Stuart. An old hand and a good one at the business. Everything is pushed right along to the end, pleasantly, successfully. Improvement very marked. Scholars 38; average 32; wages including board \$7 25.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Two terms of 8 and 12 weeks. Teacher, Clara F. Pendexter. School very pleasant, and quite successful. Noted improvement among the younger scholars, so often overlooked by teachers. Also in Reading in the whole school.

1st. term;	Scholars 23,	average, 19;	wages \$4.50	board given
2nd "	"	22 "	18 "	5 00 " "

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Two terms of 8 and 7 weeks. Teacher, Mattie L. Eastman. So far as instruction went; this school was well taught, the teacher well qualified. Noted improvement in Grammar and Geography. Very small scholars were taught a good deal of Geography and other interesting things. Scholars, 19; average 15; wages \$3 50.

## DISTRICT NO. 7

One term of ten weeks. Teacher, Annie E. Eastman. Your Committee was not notified of the time of closing. It was doing well at the first visit. Scholars 15; average 13; wages \$4.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

One term of 9 weeks. Teacher, Mantie A. Nutter. This school was fairly successful. One thing injures No. 8 school every term. More than usual this term. Scholars come into the school, attend 3 to 10 days or a little more and then are kept at home, or put to work. This does the scholars thus sent no good, and the school much harm. Of some 50 or more scholars who attended 1 day or more, only 29 attended the ten days required by law to count them scholars. *Send Scholars to school to go a whole term and every day of it.* Scholars 29; average 24; wages including board. \$6.



2nd. term 9 weeks. Teacher, Addie W. Dow. Scholars were regular, and interest better than first term. Improvement more general than I have noticed before in this school. Scholars 45; average 36; wages including board \$6

#### DISTRICT NO. 9.

One term of 11 and 2 fifths weeks. Ellen M. Peary, Teacher. Very good especially a class in Second Reader. These boys read up loud and made the book talk. Scholars ten; average 8; wages including board \$4 87.

#### DISTRICT NO. 10.

One term of 14 weeks. Teacher, Susan A. Weeks. An excellent school this term in every respect. One of the best I have visited. Scholars 16; average 13; wages including board, \$5 50.

#### DISTRICT NO. 11.

One term 8 weeks. Teacher, Clara J. Hatch. Success very fair. Interest good for so small a school. Scholars 5; average 4; wages including board, \$5.

#### DISTRICT NO. 12.

1st. term 4 weeks. Teacher, G. I. Smart. This session was in early spring. Quite successful. Scholars 13; average 12; wages \$5 50. 2nd. term of 10 weeks. Teacher, B. Walker Mc Kean. A very good term of school. Noted improvement in Algebra, Arithmetic and Reading. Scholars 14; average 13; wages \$5.

#### DISTRICT NO. 13.

1st. term 9 weeks. Teacher, Mary A. Lancaster. General success of school good. Improvement quite marked. Noticed especially a class taught by one of the school girls, which had done remarkably well. Scholars 45; average 37; wages including board \$8.

2nd. term 8 and 4 fifths weeks, Teacher, Jacob A. Libby. Mr Libby has a faculty of adapting himself to his scholars, insuring an easy going school. Improvement very good. Scholars 50; average 36; wages \$7 50 board given.

## DISTRICT NO. 14.

One term of 12 weeks. Teacher. Ella M. Stiner. Teacher rather too sharp. Improvement fair. Noted Spelling and Geography especially. Scholars 24; average 17; wages including board \$7 50.

## DISTRICT NO. 15.

Two terms of 9 and 13 weeks Teacher. Annie E. Seavey. Improvement quite general in this school. Noticed Geography and Reading especially.

1st. term Scholars 16; average 14; wages \$3. board given.  
 2nd. " " 17 " 14; " 4. " "

## DISTRICT NO. 16.

For 8 weeks this school was taught by Elizabeth Carlton. She seemed capable of teaching a fair school, but from ill health or some other cause, the school was not profitable. Scholars 9; average 8; wages \$5 70 including board. George F. Nason, taught 3 and 2 fifths weeks. School very successful in every way. It was to be regretted that there was so little of it. Scholars 19; average 15; wages \$7 65 including board.

## DISTRICT NO. 17.

One term, 8 weeks. Teacher, Iva Mc Neal. A very profitable school as far as I could judge in every respect. Scholars 11; average 8; wages \$6 50 including board.

## DISTRICT NO. 18.

One term, 10 and 2 fifths weeks. Teacher, Geo. F. Nason. Marked improvement in this school. Everything seemed prosperous. Noted Arithmetic, Grammer and Reading. Scholars 18; average 15; wages \$7 65 including board.

## DISTRICT NO. 19.

No. school during the year.



Twenty different teachers have been employed during the year. Six less changes than last year. Nearly all of them passed a fair examination. Several a very creditable one. The general success has been good.

But poor School-houses, lack of Apparatus, little interest on the part of parents, (shown only in finding fault and making trouble usually) low grade of scholarship in previous years, and poor scholarship on the part of teachers, present and past, with little or no classification, these and other matters prevent the schools from being all that they should be. A few complaints have been made during the year against certain schools, which on investigation at the school-house showed to be groundless. In one instance only did your committee find anything to warrant an interference. Several schools have made very marked improvement. Reading has been very much better taught than last year. So have Grammar and Geography. I have found the schools better supplied with books, and better classed than last year. Many odd books have been thrown out for those in general use. Hagar's Arithmetics have begun to come in to supplant Greenlief's, and your committee has felt compelled to recommend them.

School district lines remain unchanged. It is quite time however, that Nos. 8, 14 and 15, are combined into One Union Grammar or High School district. The same is true of 6, 13 and 19. 9 and 11 ought to unite to build a school-house, as neither have a suitable place for the purpose. The same of 16 and 18. The same as regards the school-houses in 5, 7, 12, and some other districts. It is most surprising that the Citizens of the Center district, do not move in this matter of a school-house.

Something has been done towards better classification, greater uniformity in books, and we have had some improvement in our schools. The next blow to strike is in favor of better school buildings in every part of the town. It seems easy to build for some purposes; why so hard to build school-houses? Is it lack of interest in this direction? If so let us talk this matter over till our interest is raised to the point of immediate action!

S. Girard Norcross.

Superintending School Committee.



